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Just why the American farmer should have taken umbrage at the remarks made by Secretary Morton in a now famous discussion on "granges" no one outside of the inner agricultural circles seems to know. Studied effort is being put forth to give to the Secretary's language meaning which he never intended it to have, and this he has explained to the satisfaction of unbiased individuals. That the Secretary was severely critical is certain, but that he said anything which it not capable of demonstration can easily and truthfully be denied. To the average man it seems plain that the Secretary of Agriculture was merely advising the farmer who farms to sever relations with the "professional" farmer-with the men who wouldn't know rye unless it had been reduced to liquid form. The speech for which the Secretary is now being assailed so vigorously by many of the granges was made in Chicago before the Congress of Agriculture two months ago, and since that time the National Grange and a large number of state granges throughout the country have adopted resolutions calling upon the President to remove the Secretary from office. These efforts to bring about a change in the cabinet had their origin and excuse in this portion of the Secretary's speech:

"The American farmer has foes to con-end with. They are not merely the natural foes—not the weevil in the wheat, not the murrain in the cattle, not the cholera in the swine, nor the drouth, nor the chinchin the swine, nor the drouth, nor the chinch-bug. The most insidious and destructive foe to the farmer is the 'professional' farmer, who, as a 'promoter' of granges and alliances, for political purposes, farms the farmer. The farmers do not need to bool their thinking faculties and their en-ergies with vast associations, which are too ergies with vast associations, which are too often turned to political rather than to agri-cultural and domestic purposes."

Such comment as that was extremely an-Ill boying to the "professional" farmer, and as that variety of agriculturist generally controls the granges there was but little difficulty in securing the passage of the ondemnatory resolutions. An interesting deature of the discussion is the change of front as to corporations presented by some of the granges. Heretofore they have heaped abuse upon all manner of corporations, but now they find fault with Secretary Morton because he has "shown himself not only openly but offensively opposed to this first and supreme principle and to the great body seeking to bring the advantages of corporations to the farmers of the aland." No matter how the difficulty may end, the Secretary can sympathize with the sportsman who fired at a bird and hit a cow that stood behind the feathered one, and who, when informed by the cow's wner of the damage done, called upon the maints to witness that he had ordered only bird-shot from the dealer who supplied him with ammunition.

As was reasonably to be expected, the sea-ican Federation of Labor ignorance as to viduals. Tickets for the concert to be given the effect upon the general public of the at Convention Hali for the benefit of the force-could not be made, because the appliplication was illegal. But the law was violated anyhow, and the violations took place of officers of the metropolitan police force. With those who sold the liquor the courts satisfy good citizens, but it is for the chief bring these delinquent policemen to account. If it be proven-and it is believed that proof may easily be had-that an experienced officer was in the bar room, enjoying imself at the expense of the philanthropic Engemann, the department should not hesitate to act. Only by promptness and by making an example of the guilty can discipline be maintained and respect for law be enforced. It is also said that another headan quarters' officer was busily engaged in ndeavoring to popularize the Engemann enterprise by distributing complimentary admission tickets in places where the distributo the management. Is it for the performance of duties such as these that the people fiquor law was being violated; if they did in the one was engaged in pleasant converse with the Gloucester exile and the other was scattering pasteboard favors, the "crooks" security not entirely unreasonable.

It is said that the President was very impatient with Congress for its procrastination in connection with the silver legislation. Congress now takes its turn in being impatient in connection with the requests for Hawaiian information.

It is very doubtful whether the young men from whom the greatest objection to an inheritance tax would be expected can stir up enough energy to contribute materially

to its opposition. Even Mr. Holman would hardly object to the purchase of a new desk with more pigeon holes in it for Mr. Gresham, considering the difficulty the latter appears to

have in keeping the run of the records. Controversy lingers as to whether the

Queen of Hawaii fell down or was pushed.

Conscientious believers in the protection of American industries need not be particularly aggrieved over the Wilson bill, for there are but few indications in the imposts O poetry!

proposed or eliminated that indicate a O beautiful poetry of the up-to-date school! serious trend toward free trade. Legisla-

tive history reveals bills that do not essen at tially differ from this, and they in their day were received with a reasonable degree of satisfaction, even by those who were strong protectionists. The free trade threat is not in the schedules of the Wilson bill or even in the enlarged free list; it is in the definitely-formulated plan to vex the country with an income-tax. That the income tax is the least justifiable sort of class legislation must be admitted by any rational being who has given the subject a reason able amount of thought; it is inquisitorial and unfair; it is a tax that will be paid by conscientions few and evaded by the conscienceless many; and it always has been-with one exception, and that was during the war of the rebellion-the near relative of free trade. In England (where annoying personal taxation is common) the smooth-running machinery of a complex internal-revenue system succeeds in collecting much less than the tax should legally be. Although income-taxation has become an established British institution it is no more popular than it was when the first assessment was made. Were there no other way of raising funds with which to From the Chicago Evening Post.

annoy beyond the powers of fitting description. If the nation needs greater revenueand it seems now as though it does-why should the committee on ways and means overlook taxable material which is continually under its nose. There are three be no harm done. Then there is another of beer would cost one-fifth of a cent more than it now does-a sum too small to either justify the introduction of smaller glasses. well afford to do this, for their profits are much larger than those common in other as burdensome. Those who expect to have property to bequeath would offer no objection because their personal interests could not possibly suffer, while the beneficiaries. as a rule, are so glad to get whatever is to the government a small percentage. Any or all of these propositions are preferable to the income tax idea. which is objectionable and unpopular in itself, and which is politically dangerous as the recognized precursor of free trade.

acclimated, yet whose dwarf growth will

Congress is evidently under an impression that it has something to do with the government of this country and that its request for certain information now in the keeping of another branch of the triune governing power is not an unreasonable one. These things are evidenced by the manifest impatience of many prominent members of the national legislature, who think they see assumption of superiority and an appearance of disdain totally out of harmony with the American idea as to such matters. Neither they, nor a great many people who are far from being prominent, but whose votes are worthy of consideration, can understand why there should be so much of mystery at this end of the Hawaiian situation. The few who pose as staunch friends of the administration in this matter declare loudly that the President's instructions to Minister Willis are harmless and in no way infringe upon the constitutional rights of Congress; if that is so, why then should the President and his Secretary of State procrastinate? If the policy of the administration is something to be proud of-and it is not expected that the executive power would plan procedure likely to prove disgraceful-why do the officials interested give such continuously good imitations of conspirators?

It would be unjust to impute to the Amerwith an open defiance of the law. No one who has even the least-contaminating sort archy, and yet it can hardly be believed bers of the fire department. The John archy, and yet it can hardly be believed believed believed believed believed by the multitude that that a great and the second of an acquaintance with the multitude that hangs around stables and race-tracks conducted by such people as those who now curse the District of Columbia with their curse of this latest chullition was Gov. looked for any respectful conduct ing cause of this latest ebullition was Gov. a committee of the Senate. The cost of stoward the statutes, so no one was very John Pernicious Altgeld of Illinois, and it opening and extending North Capitol street was in praise of his abuse of the pardoning was, by action of the District along the in spite of the fact that the management prerogative that the Federation put itself on the revenues of the District alone, in no license, intoxicating liquors were on record. The resolutions have it that the sold to such as would buy. The plea of ig- conviction of Fielden, Schwab and Neebe and the District. norance of law-never possessing much "was the result of class prejudice and persecution at a time when the public mind cant for license was especially warned that was inflamed with passion." That scrap of to sell liquor pending action upon the ap- ground is untenable. The country knows that the men executed and the men imprisoned for complicity in the Haymarket in the presence and with the tacit consent massacre were rabid anarchists, fairly tried and justly sentenced. It cannot be claimed that the Federation does not symwill doubtless make such settlement as will pathize with anarchy; it has thrown its arms around men who were red-handed of police and the District Commissioners to conspirators against law and order; it weeps tears of gratitude all over Altgeld: it cannot evade the consequences.

value to servants of the republic. 'In the spect for the heads of departments, but I denly raised to high station, who want to "tion would be likely to do the greatest good to nothing and end in no good. I believe it would be safer, in the interests of the government, in the interest of the people and sof the District of Columbia are taxed? Both in the interest of the administration of the officers must have known that the these departments, if some of them would not then they have already demonstrated been moving, and learn a little better the their unfitness for detective duty. While duties, and ascertain the troubles and what needs to be corrected in the departments around again?" said the jolly man to his before expressing such opinions as have been expressed." Senator Gorman, like all looked on approvingly and with a sense of other sensible people, believes in business methods, but there is wisdom in the deliberation he advocates.

The administration can surely count on the enthusiastic support of Anthony Comstock since the publication for Congressional use of the carefully expurgated Hawaiian

Anarchist Vaillant is quoted as saying "They had better guillotine me." This is probably the only really patriotic sentiment he ever uttered.

Lilluokalani doubtless feels that it is very hard for a queen to be out of work when

the panic has made employment so scarce. Mr. Blount is in great danger of assuming the painful attitude of a man who was hoisted by his own paramount.

There is for some reason much less hesitation about smashing a provisional government than a trust.

A Bard of the New School. From the Chicago Record.

Poetry you needn't rhyme And goes in any shape— Like This, For instance

Poetry which is

A sight easier Than that Of J. Milton, who made a fuss about lambics and hexameters and such! Oh, let me be a poet of the free-and-easy

Let my pages be An archipelago of islands of type sprinkled Upon a sea of paper,
For it's the only kind of poetry I can write!

Not All Gone.

Nebraska still offers inducements for the settlement of desirable immigrants within her borders. People desiring to improve their

Evidently an Imposter.

Bombthrower Vaillant can hardly keep

Hawaiian matters continue to absort large share of public attention, interest in the complications having been considerably revived by rather acrid debate on Senator Hoar's resolution to ask the Presiclear lines on which the committee could safely move to the relief of a distressed without the advice and consent of the Sentreasury and without doing any one the ate, to investigate Hawalian affairs and slightest injustice. An increase in the tax to do in connection therewith whatsoever on whisky would yield a great sum without might seem unto him best. Up to this time on whisky would yield a great sum without the President has not supplied Congress perceptibly burdening any one, although there is no reason why the burden should not be made heavier on a fluid that in so many cases works evil. Whisky can be gauntlet of public opinion, and although justly classed as a luxury, and if it should be made a little more expensive there would isfactory to a large number of members who by reason of their political belief are beverage that offers excellent opportunity for taxation—beer. The present tax of \$1 resentatives is interested at this time in resentatives is interested at this time in per barrel produces about \$32,000,000 and the efforts that are being made to bring does it easily. An increase of \$1 would in several territories as states; the Utah produce \$32,000,000 additional and without and Arizona bills have passed the House, working any real hardship. The extra dol- but the other territories are, so far, out in lar per barrel would mean that each glass the cold. A proposition looking to the support of sectarian schools out of the public school fund-originated by a few Roman change the price to the consumer or to Catholics in New York-is being opposed with a good deal of vehemence. Fearing that The brewers' profits would be diminished to the European example of violence might be the extent—for the whole country—of some-thing like \$16,000,000, for the brewers would probably call upon the retailers to shoulder are watching very closely the movements one-half of the increase. The retailers could of those who preach the destruction of law and order. The great catastrophe of the week was the collapse yesterday of the Louisville and Jeffersonville bridge, which lines of business. An inheritance tax would spans the Ohio river between the two points be easily collectable and would not be felt named. Great Britain is very much worried as

to her navy, Admiral Hornby having de clared that France is much the greater naval power in the Mediterranean at this willed them that they are content to yield time; as a result of the scare it is expected that the British government will spend something over one hundred million dollars in increasing their fighting forces afloat. London suffers just now from a great plague of unemployed men and women; the unfortunates march up and down the streets in organized processions and quite frequently. All over Europe anar-chists are having trouble, the bomb which was thrown into the French chamber of deputies a week ago having aroused the police to extraordinary vigilance. A large number of people who were known to be anarchists have been expelled from French territory. In Italy the reappearance of Crispi as premier has been received with great enthusiasm by many of those who of late have been considerably discontented; Germany is much pleased. The Crispi cabin the aggravating slowness of the President in furnishing the Senate and House with information called for as to the dealings of the administration with Hawaii an The Himalaya (India) Bank directors, who continued the president in the aggravating slowness of the President in the aggravating slowness of the President in the aggravating slowness of the President in the president in the aggravating slowness of the aggravating slowness of the aggravating slowness of the aggravating slowness of the President in the aggravating slowness of the President in the aggravating slowness of the President in the aggravating slowness of t deceived properly - inquisitive depositors who made inquiry as to the condition of the bank, have been sentenced to such terms of imprisonment as will make further be havior of that sort on their part quite un-likely. Fighting has been renewed in the harbor of Rio de Janeiro, the insurgents having had a considerable access of strength in the persons of Admiral De Gama and a large number of other Brazilian naval offi-cers who propose to support Admiral Mello in his endeavor to overturn the Peixoto in his ender.
government.
In the District.

The winter race meeting for the benefit of the pool rooms of the country was started during the week at Ivy City. The betting stand was moved in order that it should not come within the mile limit. At the annual meeting of the trustees of the American University, held in this city, a gift of \$100,000 was announced. The remains of the widow of Admiral Porter were laid to rest beside those of her husband, at Arlington. The problem of relieving the wants of the needy is calling forth the active energy of organizations and indiviolation of the present plan of sharing expenses between the general government

SHOOTING STARS.

Happy Man. But yesterday the world was sad, A place devoid of peace or fun: But now it seems serenely glad-

He has his Christmas shopping done. An Explanation. "Look here," said the kind hearted man, "this is the second time you have asked me for ten cents to help you to a night's sleep." "Is it?" said the man who had just ac-

"Yes, it is. My opinion is that you are an impostor." "No, I aidn't, kernel; no, I ain't. I wus dead honest. You gimme a dime, didn't

"Ves And you don't look much as if you were on the road to a night's sleep." "But I am. I invested it square. You see I'm troubled with insomnia, I am, and it allus takes three doses of whisky to make

Midwinter Heat. Oh Sun, we beg to be exempt From these untimety radiations, Lest you all ruthlessly should tempt

The microbes, form their hibernations A Soulless Citizen. "Aren't you glad to see Christmas coming

grumpy neighbor. "Yes," was the reply; "I s'pose I'd rather hear Christmas carols for awhile instead of After the Ball.'

The servant girl's gone; she has left us in

She wanted an upright and ours square!

A Practical Critic. "Do you think my play would take?" asked the would-be author. "Yes," replied the manager; "it would take \$10,000 to produce it.

Experience. "It is too bad," said young Romeo Jenkins

to the jeweller's clerk, "that girls get engaged so frequently nowadays.' "Oh, well," was the reply, "it doesn't really make any difference when the right young man comes along." "I know that. But they get to be such terribly good judges of diamonds."

Farmer Corntossel's Grass. "There's one thing," said Mrs. Corntosse to her visitor, "that I kin say about my Josiar. He don't 'low the grass ter grow under his feet." "Is thet so," was the response in a tone

of some surprise. "I s'pose you know: though I mus' say I never regarded yer husband es much of a hurryer." "Thet's just what I meant when I spoke about the grass. I've bin tryin' fur eight year ter git him ter sod the door yard without any success at all, an' I reckon thet it'll be ez bare ez a brick yard till we move er die."

A Potent Influence.

From the Chicago Herald. The fleets of all the world are witness to the revolution wrought in naval ships by the American monitor. All naval powers were quick to see and adopt the armor idea and they have ever since been engaged in rebuilding their navies, while we have been content to witness the results of their experiments until it was necessary for us to rebuild our own navy. We waited wisely. The great guns, many weighing 110 tons, with which England and other nations armed their monster ships, are now declared by Admiral Hornby to be failures. He says moderate-sized guns of about twenty-five tons each are the best support the government then some excuse might be made for endeavoring to plant in unresponsive soil seed that will never be some honest work.

Bombthrower Vaillant can hardly keep his place as a true anarchist hero if the report proves correct that he once did unresponsive soil seed that will never be some honest work.

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